ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

TUSKEGEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

LIBERTY BAPTIST CHURCH,

OPELIKA, ALABAMA,

OCTOBER 16th to 18th, 1900.

REV. GEO. E. BREWER.....Moderator.....Columbia, Ala.
REV. J. H. WALLACE.....Clerk.....Opelika, Ala.
A. M. CAMERON.....Treasurer.....Notasulga, Ala.

The next session will be held with Elam Baptist Church, Tallapoosa County, beginning Tuesday before the Third Sunday in October, 1901, at 10 o'clock.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS WITH MEMBERSHIP IN THE TUSKEGEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Rev. W. R. Adams..... Hattie, Ala.
Rev. G. S. Anderson..... Auburn, Ala.
Rev. S. J. Catts..... Tuskegee, Ala.
Rev. J. B. Clements..... Alliance, Ala.
Rev. J. J. Cloud..... Auburn, Ala.
Rev. W. T. Foster..... Notasulga, Ala.
Rev. W. G. Gregory..... Golddust, Ala.
Rev. S. R. Grimes..... Notasulga, Ala.
Rev. F. T. Hudson..... Auburn, Ala.
Rev. J. F. Purser..... Opelika, Ala.
Rev. Z. D. Roby..... Opelika, Ala.
Rev. J. H. Wallace..... Opelika, Ala.

LICENTIATES.

Rev. Walter Day..... Church Hill, Ala.
Rev. D. A. Baker..... Church Hill, Ala.
Rev. S. M. Humphries..... Golddust, Ala.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Opening services.
2. Read the Letters from the Churches and enroll Delegates.
3. Invite Ministers of our Order to seats with us.
4. Organize by electing Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
5. Call for Petitionary Letters.
6. Receive Correspondents from Sister Associations.
7. Appoint Committees on Preaching, Documents and State of Religion, Home and Foreign Missions, Sunday Schools, Education, Temperance, Deceased Ministers, State Missions and Colportage, Orphans' Home, Institute Work, Nomination, and Woman's Work and Young People's Union.
8. Appoint Correspondents to Sister Associations.
9. Appoint Delegates to State Convention.
10. Hear report of Executive Committee.
11. Hear report of any other Committee appointed last Session.
12. Elect the Executive Committee.
13. Hear report from the several Committees appointed this Session.
14. Hear Treasurer's Report.
15. Determine where the next Session of the Association will be held.
16. Arrange for Printing Minutes and Distribution.
17. Miscellaneous Business.
18. Closing Exercises.

STANDING COMMITTEES TO REPORT AT SESSION OF 1901.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

W. E. Hudmon, J. C. Condon, W. M. Hopson,
Dr. J. M. Love, J. J. Cloud.

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Z. D. Roby, J. H. Wallace, J. F. Duggar.

STATE MISSIONS AND COLPORTAGE.

J. F. Purser, Dr. M. Letcher, W. R. Key.

EDUCATION.

P. H. Mell, J. L. Jackson, T. J. Carlisle.

TEMPERANCE.

F. T. Hudson, W. R. Adams, E. W. Solomon.

DECEASED MINISTERS.

B. F. Stripling, J. L. Wise, J. C. Pinkston.

DOCUMENTS AND STATE OF RELIGION.

W. T. Foster, P. B. Bean, J. C. Houston.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

J. F. Duggar, Lum Duke, A. M. Cameron.

ORPHANS' HOME.

J. J. Cloud, A. L. Swanson, M. E. Parker.

INSTITUTE WORK.

G. S. Anderson, W. G. Gregory, S. W. Whitman.

NOMINATIONS.

G. B. Stearns, J. L. Wise, A. H. Baker.

WOMAN'S WORK AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION.

S. J. Catts, J. C. Pinkston, T. O. Wright.

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MINUTES.

OPELIKA, ALA., October 16, 1900.

The Tuskegee Baptist Association met this day in its fifty-fifth annual session, in the meeting house of the Liberty Baptist Church, with which the Association had adjourned the previous year to meet.

The Association was called to order at 10 A. M., by Rev. Geo. E. Brewer, Moderator.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. F. W. Williams.

The letters to the Association were called for by the Rev. Jno. F. Purser.

Letters read by Rev. J.W. Hamner and Rev. J. W. Willis, and the following messengers were enrolled:

Antioch—Rev. J. L Stough and D. A Baker.
Auburn—Rev. J. J. Cloud.
Concord, Lee—Rev. J. H. Wallace and T. P. Eiland.
Concord, Macon—C. W. Goins and G. W. Turner.
County Line—S. B. Fears and Rev. W. R. Adams.
Cubahachee—Dr. J. M. Letcher.
Elam, Macon—W. L. Simpson and L. L. May.
Elam, Tallapoosa—Rev. W. G. Gregory, Rev. E. M. Parker and J. B. Stearns.
LaPlace—.
Liberty—R. H. Collins, G. W. Key and E. A. Christian.
Loachapoka—Rev. F. T. Hudson, T. J. Carlisle and J. L. Wise.
Mount Pleasant—Rev. J. W. Partridge, J. W. Stewart, John Johnson, J. B. Segrest, I. S. Wilkerson and C. E. Wilkerson.
Notasulga—Rev. W. T. Foster, A. M. Cameron and J. D. Barron.
Opelika—Rev. J. F. Purser, Rev. Z. D. Roby, W. E. Hudmon and G. A. Taylor.
Pleasant Grove—D. P. Meadows, B. F. Stripling and R. M. Moore
Pleasant Hill—.
Pleasant Springs—Albert Stevenson.
Providence—.
Rocky Mount—J. E. Henderson and W. H. Phipps.
Salem, Lee—T. E. Stringer, Dr. J. M. Love and J. A. Waller.
Salem, Macon—J. S. Bryant and R. L. Jackson.
Shiloh—S. J. Williams and J. L. Chadwick.
Society Hill—Reuben Lawson and John Lynn.
Tuskegee—.
Union Grove—Monroe Green and S. H. Jarrell.

At 11 A. M. the Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. W. G. Gregory, from John 14: 6—"I am the way." Prayer by Rev. W. E. Lloyd.

Welcome address by Rev. W. G. Gregory.

Adjourned till 1:30.

Benediction by Rev. J. P. Shaffer.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Visiting ministers were invited to seats by the Moderator.

Election of officers was declared in order, and on motion the rules were suspended and the present officers were re-elected by acclamation, viz:

Moderator, Rev. Geo. E. Brewer, Columbia, Ala.

Clerk, Rev. J. H. Wallace, Opelika, Ala.

Treasurer, A. M. Cameron, Notasulga, Ala.

Call for Petitionary Letters.

Correspondents, visitors and representatives reported, on invitation, as follows, viz:

Montgomery Association—Rev. H. W. Province, representing State Board of Missions; also J. G. Harris, editor of the Alabama Baptist.

Orphanage—Rev. Jno. W. Stewart, from Conecuh Association.

Mississippi River Association—Rev. A. G. Mosley, representing the Home Board of Missions.

Harris Association—Rev. J. W. Hamner and Rev. F. W. Williams.

Etowah Association—Rev. J. W. Willis.

East Liberty Association—Rev. J. P. Shaffer, Rev. W. E. Lloyd, Rev. J. L. Gregory, Rev. J. O. Bledsoe, et al.

American Baptist Publication Society—Rev. Geo. E. Brewer.

On motion a committee on Religious Services was appointed, consisting of Rev. W. G. Gregory and the delegates of Liberty Church.

Correspondents Returned—Any member of this Association in attendance at the session of any sister Association is authorized to represent this body in said Association.

The following brethren were appointed delegates to the State Convention, which meets at Tuskaloosa November 13, 1900: Revs. J. F. Purser, Z. D. Roby, S. J. Catts, J. W. Partridge, W. T. Foster, W. G. Gregory, J. J. Cloud, G. S. Anderson and J. H. Wallace.

Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention – Rev. J. F. Purser; Rev. J. H. Wallace, alternate.

The report of the Executive Committee was read by the Chairman, W. E. Hudmon. Brother Hudmon being Treasurer of the Executive Committee, made his report.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your committee beg leave to report as follows: At a meeting of the

committee held at the Opelika Baptist Church on the 15th day February 1900, we agreed to supplement the pastor's salaries at the following churches, to-wit:

Rev. Z D. Roby, Salem Church, Lee County	$25 00
Rev. W. T. Foster, Loachapoka Church, Lee County	25 00
Rev. W. Adams, his field	25 00
Total	$75 00

On motion W. E. Hudmon was elected Treasurer of Executive Committee.

We recommend the funds sent up by the churches to this body for associational purposes be applied to the payment of $22.19, balance due by Executive Committee, as per W. E. Hudmon's report as Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted, W. E. HUDMON,
Chairman.

W. E. HUDMON, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

1900.		
March 26	To E. W. Solomon, Salem Church Lee County	$ 5 00
April 1	To W. B. Crumpton, Sec. Auburn Church	2 23
May 11	To W. R. Adams, Pleasant Springs Church	5 03
June 25	To J. L. Chadwick, Shiloh Church	2 00
July 30	To D. A. Baker, Antioch Church	1 25
Sept. 3	To W. B. Crumpton, Sec. Auburn Church	2 35
Oct. 12	To W. M. Hopson, Opelika Church	25 00
Oct. 15	To S. B. Fears, County Line Church	5 00
	To W. T. Foster, Loachapoka Church	2 50
	To W. T. Foster, Elam Church, Tallapoosa County	2 50
	To W. T. Foster, Concord Church, Macon County	2 50
	To A. M. Cameron, Notasulga Church	4 00
	To balance	2 72
Total		$62 08

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March 26	By Rev. Z. D. Roby	$ 5 00
April 4	By Industrial News	2 00
	By Industrial News	1 00
	By Stamps	25
May 11	By Rev. W. R. Adams	5 03
May 25	By S. S. Board Tracts	3 00
	By Stamps	30
July 9	By Rev. W. R. Adams	4 00
July 12	By Rev. Z. D. Roby	10 00
July 12	By Rev. W. T. Foster	10 00
July 15	By Rev. W. R. Adams	5 00
July 15	By Rev. W. R. Adams	5 00
July 15	By Rev. W. T. Foster	11 50
		$62 08

To Balance Due Treasurer	$ 2 72
Balance Due Rev. Z. D. Roby	10 00
Balance Due Rev. W. T. Foster	3 50
Balance Due Rev. W. R. Adams	5 97
Total	$22 19

Respectfully submitted,
W. E. HUDMON,
Treasurer Executive Committee.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF W. E. HUDMON, TREASURER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Oct. 18.	To amount from A. M. Cameron for Association Missions	$22 19

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Oct. 18.	By W. E. Hudmon	$2 72	
	By balance due Z. D. Roby	10 00	
	By balance due W. T. Foster	3 50	
	By balance due W. R. Adams	5 97	
			$22 19

Respectully submitted,
W. E. HUDMON, Treasurer Executive Committee.

On motion the reports were adopted.

On motion the regular order of business was suspended and Rev. A. G. Mosley spoke on Home Mission Work in New Orleans, for which work he received in cash and subscriptions the following amounts:

Opelika, W. E. Hudmon	$25 00
Rev. J. F. Purser	10 00
Ladies' Missionary Union of Opelika, Mrs. Hudmon	5 00
Concord, J. H. Wallace	2 50
Rev. W. T. Foster (work)	10 00
Rev. W. G. Gregory (work)	12 50
Mount Pleasant, cash by J. B. Segrest	2 00
Salem, J. A. Waller	5 00
Society Hill, R. Lawson	2 50
S. H. Jarrell, cash	50
——, cash	1 00

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORPHAN'S HOME

Your committee find that a larger number of children have been sheltered in our Orphan's Home this year than in any preceeding year.

The industrial life of the children is about like that of any large family. The boys are taught to do general work in the farm and about the place, and the girls do various kinds of house work, from scrubbing in the kitchen to the making of a dress.

While their physical and industrial life is carefully looked after their religious life is not neglected. They all attend Sunday School and Church, and every evening they assemble for the reading of the Scriptures, singing and prayer.

Of the 138 that have been received there, ten of them went from Lee county. If no higher motive should move us to help in this work, we should, at least, not forget to remember those that have gone from our midst.

We learn that ten dollars a day is hardly sufficient for their regular support, and that another building is urgently needed.

We recommend that all our pastors see that their people have an

opportunity to contribute to the support of these children, and that they help heartily in any enlargement that may be undertaken.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. F. PURSER.

Read and discussed by Rev. J. W. Stewart. Collection for the Orphanage to amount of $20.45

Adjournment till nine tomorrow. Benediction by Rev. Z. D. Roby.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Devotional exercises led by Rev. J. O. Bledsoe. Scripture lesson, Psalms 10: 3. Prayer by Rev. W. T. Foster.

Minutes of the previous day's proceedings read and approved.

Report on Home and Foreign Missions read by Rev. W. E. Lloyd, Chairman of Committee.

REPORT ON HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

About 1900 years ago Jesus of Nazareth commissioned His disciples, few in number, to go into all the world and preach His gospel to every creature, saying, "all authority in heaven and on earth is given unto me, and I will be with you alway, even unto the end of the world; and they that believe and are baptized shall be saved, and they that believe not shall be condemned." To the worldly-wise the undertaking seemed rash indeed. But, imbued with the spirit of their Master, they went forth preaching salvation in His name, enduring great hardships, for they had great opposition. Their numbers increased slowly but steadily, and now they are estimated to be five hundred millions, dominating three-fifths of the earth's surface, and are contending hopefully with the powers of darkness for the dominion of the remainder.

Dr. Pierson declared the Ecumenical Council on Foreign Missions which met in New York in April to be the most remarkable gathering since the ascension of our Lord.

In the missions prosecuted on the foreign field by the Protestants of the United States, the Baptists contribute about fifteen per cent of the money and receive fifty per cent of the converts.

The Baptists of the South, in the distribution of their benevolence, appropriate forty-nine dollars to the home department for every one sent to the foreign field.

We have in the Southern Baptist Convention twelve thousand two hundred and twenty-eight preachers, and on the foreign field we have forty-one whom we have sent out. Our average contribution for foreign missions last year was nine cents per capita.

The fields are large, the harvest is great and the laborers are few, because the contributions are insufficient. The great need is consecrated givers—men who feel called of God to make money for the use of His Kingdom.

Your Association gave last year to the Home Board $82.19, to the Foreign Board $178.96.

The Report on the State Board will, I suppose, furnish you with State statistics.

W. E. LLOYD.

Report on State Missions read by Rev. F. T. Hudson.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS AND COLPORTAGE.

The object of the State Board of Missions is to occupy these fields—supply preachers, build churches, cultivate and elevate the people along those lines of Christian usefulness.

The board has accomplished a great work, but much remains to be done and as one has said, "nothing has been done as long as anything remains to be done." "Press forward."

Our forces are equal to the emergency if we will only command them. "Niagara Falls runs to waste because not harnessed." In our unorganized condition progress is slow but hopeful.

We have in the State over 1,000 white Baptist preachers and about 800 unorganized or not in co-operation with the board.

Again we have in the State about 2,000 white Baptist churches, and of this number only about 500 contribute to missions.

And again with more than 100,000 Baptists in the State and less than 20,000 contribute to our enterprises.

We may reach our lay members by carrying Bibles, Testaments, tracts and religious literature to their homes and our ministers may be reached and many of them brought into our work by our institutes or traveling Bible schools, and to those who fail to attend churches peddle the word to them.

The State board has employed men who are missionary evangelists and missionary pastors, and missionary colporters.

The following summary of work is reported:

Days of service	2,016
Miles traveled	14,921
Sermons preached and addresses delivered	1,344
Baptized (by others 105)	80
Prayer meetings held	115
Ladies' Missionary Societies organized	3
Churches visited	168
Collected	$4,074.39
Received by Letter	217
Visited families	3,634
Churches constituted	3

The corresponding secretary says: "Looking over the report of the work, I am persuaded that the character of work has been of very high grade. The evangelist and missionaries have touched many of our people, and there has been perceptible increase in the number of regular contributions. Much of the missionary pastoral work gives promise of permanent upbuilding."

We commend to the churches increased liberality and regular contributions. "Upon the first day of the week, let every one lay by in store as God has prospered him. 1 Cor. 16: 2.

F. T. HUDSON,
J. J. CLOUD,
J. H. WALLACE.

The report is recommitted to the committee for perfecting.

Reports discussed by Rev. W. E. Lloyd, Rev. W. T. Foster, Rev. J. F. Purser, Rev. J. W. Willis, Rev. J. L. Gregory, Rev. J. P. Shaffer, Rev. F. T. Hudson and Rev. G. S. Anderson. Adopted.

Institute Work discussed by Rev. G. S. Anderson and Rev. J. P. Shaffer. The Report on Institute Work was read by Rev. G. S. Anderson.

REPORT ON INSTITUTE WORK.

The Institute Board located at Opelika, with W. E. Hudmon as President; G. S. Anderson, Superintendent, addresses a great denominational want in helping the unhelped ministry of Alabama. This element of the unhelped comprises about nine tenths of the preachers in the State. They deserve and need the earnest efforts of the denomination in their behalf. Their equipment is a solemn obligation that rests on the denomination and we earnestly commend the efforts of the Institute Board to that end. The work originated and has its base in this Association and has already been instrumental for good with us which supplies to us a special incentive to its hearty and liberal support. We recommend that the churches that have not already contributed to this work this year be requested to make to the Board a contribution by the 10th of November next in order to meet the appeal of the executive committee in meeting the indebtedness of the Board.

We beg to say the work is being efficiently prosecuted and is meeting the general favor and co-operation of the different associations in the State. The Board covets and asks the prayers with the contributors of the brethren.

G. S. ANDERSON.
H. BECKER.
W. A. HOBSON.

Adopted.

11 A. M. Preaching by Rev. H. W. Provence, on the subject of Missions.

Collection taken for Missions to the amount of $7.59.

Adjourned till 1 P. M. Dismissed by Rev. J. P. Shaffer.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Missions discussed and adopted.

Report on Sunday School was read by Dr. J. M. Love.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Some of us may say or think it is needless to argue before this body the importance of Sunday Schools, but your committee is profoundly impressed when we take into consideration the great number of church members who, apparently, take no interest in Sunday School work, the vast number of young people (both sexes) and children growing up within the bounds of the Tuskegee Association outside of Sunday School influence or religious instruction of a proper kind we are appalled. We

tremble when we ask ourselves the question, At whose door does the fault lie? Is the preacher to blame? A number of us know how Sunday Schools tend to direct increasing attention to the Bible, to build up churches, to foster the missionary spirit, to increase both our capacity and willingness for every good work and many of us in some form or other have labored for their advancement.

The preacher and pastor find in it the aid of many earnest souls, each laboring for the benefit of the little flock and all finding their gifts and graces developed and exercised as his own are by efforts for the religious good of all.

The work of Domestic Missions is greatly assisted by it, for often a new Sunday School leads to a new church and a regular Sunday School brings on a desire for more frequent preaching.

The Foreign Mission work finds here the opportunity of awakening an early and permanent interest in the heathen and forming habits of systematic and cheerful benevolence. The Bible cause is immensely aided by it in promoting the circulation and study of the Scriptures.

Its scholars all become colporters, introducing religious reading into their homes and often into the homes of those that stand opposed to all mission work or Christian progress. Thus the Sunday School is a helper to all religious enterprises, while it is a rival to none. Everything Christians care for would greatly suffer if its influence were lost, everything will gain in proportion as its influence is extended.

Surely this is a work calling for the lively sympathy and liberal support of all who love Him who came into the world to save sinners.

Respectfully submitted, J. M. Love,
Chairman.

Discussed by Dr. J. M. Love, W. E. Hudmon, Rev. George E. Brewer and G. A. Taylor. Adopted.

Adjourned until nine tomorrow. Benediction by Dr. Roby.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Devotional exercises led by Rev. J. J. Cloud, prayer by Rev. J. W. Partridge, Scripture, Ps. 51st. Prayer by Rev. M. E. Parker.

The Report on Education was, by the request of Dr. Roby, read by the clerk.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Just at this time the most popular definition for education is, "A Preparation for Life Work." What this preparation is, how it is to be made and what it must include are questions, as yet, unanswered; and, in all probability they will not be definitely answered until human progress wholly ceases.

In this country facilities for education have multiplied and improved with marvelous rapidity during the last forty years; nor do we see any indications of abatement in this improvement. Surely we may reasonably hope that coming generations will be well equipped workers.

The time is now passed for exhorting and persuading the people in

this part of Alabama to educate. The one dominant and almost universal ambition of all classes of our people is to educate. May the God of all wisdon guide this great ambition to His own honor and glory.

Too often, and to far too many people, "preparation for life work" means nothing more, nothing higher, nothing nobler, than a preparation for getting money. We beg to say, very modestly of course, that any such sordid conception of the purpose of education utterly disqualifies anyone for the place of school trustee, school teacher, or for any other official connection with our schools. Even among parents and guardians we sometimes see that back of their ambition to educate their children is the one narrow, disgraceful motive, to fit these same children for nothing more honorable and praiseworthy than efficent money-making machines. Influenced in their homes and in their schools by such views and motives we may expect our young men to come home from college prepared to get money, and to get it anyhow. We may also expect that when our young ladies complete their education they too will be prepared to marry anybody that has money—and to marry him anyhow.

Not less than 400,000 teachers are employed in the public schools of our great country; and to this vast army must be added the almost innumerable hosts of teachers in all our other schools. Surely there are teachers enough to supply the demand, however great the demand may appear. But when we consider the character of these teachers and their teachings we may not feel so sure and so complacent.

Statistics show that crime of nearly every name and lawlessness of all sorts are on the increase—fearfully increasing and continually becoming more common. Has the character of our schools any relation to this state of affairs? We dare not say no, for that would declare our schools a failure, having no influence. If we say yes, then we admit that there must be something morally and very dangerously and aggressively wrong in the influence of our schools. As citizens, as patriots, as Christians, we should guard well and ceaselessly the character of all institutions which propose to teach, guide and mold those for whose education we are in any way responsible.

Howard College and Judson Female Institute.—Howard College, at East Lake, and the Judson Female Institute, at Marion, are both Baptist schools, owned and controlled by the Alabama Baptist State Convention. They have special claims upon the patronage of our denomination throughout the entire State. All of us are, or ought to be, thoroughly acquainted with the character of the teachers and the teachings in these two grand old schools. If they are not all that they should be the fault is ours for they are under our care and management—they are just what the Baptists of Alabama have made them, nothing more and nothing less. Both of these great institutions of learning, together with their splendid and very valuable properties, are now free from debt and have a better and brighter prospect for broader usefulness than at any time during their long history. Send your Baptist boys to the Howard and your Baptist girls to the Judson and they will come back to

your homes better Christians and stronger, more intelligent Baptists. The atmosphere generated in these institutions is not only moral, but purely and generously Christian, pretty thoroughly impregnated with Baptistic ozone. The one claim we make for these schools—a claim we would emphasize because of its far reaching and supreme importance is, their unswerving loyalty to God and to His truth as he has revealed it in His word. This, as your committee see it, is the only safe foundation for any one to buid character on.

Z. D. Roby,
Chairman.

Discussed by Rev. Z D. Roby, Rev. F. T. Hudson, Rev. Jno. F. Purser, Rev. W. G. Gregory, Rev. J. L. Gregory, W. E. Hudmon, Rev. J. H. Wallace and Rev. J. W. Partridge.

The following amounts were promised to Rev. W. R. Adams that he might be enabled to attend the Howard during the remainder of this session, beginning the 1st of November :

Opelika	$25 00
Auburn	10 00
Rev. J. H. Wallace (his work)	10 00
County Line	10 00
Elam, Tallapoosa	5 00
Liberty	5 00
Loachapoka	5 00
Notasulga	5 00
Pleasant Grove	5 00
Pleasant Springs	5 00
Salem, Lee	5 00
Salem, Macon	5 00
Society Hill	2 00

Tuskegee and Cubahatchie not present but it is expected of them to give. Adopted.

Report on Temperance read by Rev. W. G. Gregory.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance, appointed at the last session, begs leave to call special attention to this subject as one of the important characteristics of great character, which is of vast importance, especially to the Christian. Indeed there is no character, however noble in its component parts, that is complete without temperance. It puts on a finer finishing touch to other noble traits of character. It stands third in the cluster of Graces, to be added to our faith that Peter says if we have we shall never fail. (II. T. 5-10) On the other hand there is no character destitute of this grace but must inevitably fail and be blighted, no matter how amiable the other traits of character may be. Since Christians are character builders it is of vast importance that theirs be bright and of the highest grade. As leaders or lights of the world they cannot afford to neglect so great a matter. It is labor we are to add to our faith. Paul says, "Be temperate in all things" So let us teach it by precept and

especially by example, for it is a jewel of great worth that is so indispensable to the Christian moral and saving influence and helpful in reflecting the light of Him who was the light of the world.

Let us cease to say so much about its opposite—intemperance, though it be the great evil of the day, for we think the devil laughs at the committee making a report on intemperance before a religious body instead of bringing out the beauty of temperance. It does him service in preaching his works, besides when the woeful side is brought to the front the minds of most people are blunted and turned from the subject of the temperance graces. Again when the enormous amount of money which is invested annually in the business is paraded before the people, it makes the dram drinker feel that he has considerable company; besides, it insists the craven appetite of the money craver to enter the business as a sure way to riches, thus helping the devil along in his work of destroying (thus evil is done when good is intended). Let us be wise as serpents and not tear down that which we wish to build up—temperance. Your committee recommends that it be taught as other Bible or Christian graces by the teachers of the Bible. Let all praise the Lord by adding temperance to their faith, for we are warned in the Bible against the evils of intemperance so fearfully that it should make us more vigilant in inculcating in our people the great principle of temperance. When it has thus been done and our people come to regard it as a required jewel of character by revelation, then, and not until then, will intemperance cease to exert its baneful influence in our land. Let us remember what Peter says, that he who has not these graces added to his faith, is blind and cannot see afar off Temperance, a beautiful gem of sparkling glory that adorns the character of the greatest men and women of all time. There can be no real greatness without it, so let us hold it up as a pearl of great price to be added and cease to look to the legislative halls of State or Nation to give us relief, for it can only come through the growth of the love of temperance graces. Respectfully submitted,

W. G. GREGORY.

Discussed by Rev. W. G. Gregory and Rev. J. F. Purser.

Adopted.

Report on Deceased Ministers read by Rev. W. T. Foster.

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS.

Your committee beg leave to report. While death has been broad in the land, many have passed away, we are pleased to report that God has spared the ministers of the Tuskegee Association another year, for which we praise Him. Respectfully submitted,

W. T. FOSTER, Chairman.

Adopted.

Report on Documents and State of Religion read by Rev. J. J. Cloud.

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS AND STATE OF RELIGION.

Committee on Documents and State of Religion beg leave to report.

From the reading of the letters from the churches we notice with pleasure that quite a number of our people are taking and reading the Alabama Baptist, our State paper. We would recommend the reading of this paper to our brethren that they may be fully informed along all lines of work in the bounds of our State Convention. A good religious newspaper is one of the best educators that we can send out among the people. We are pleased to notice also, that quite a number of the churches have enjoyed gracious revivals of religion, and that a good spiritual condition pervades the whole body.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. CLOUD.

Adopted.

Announcement of Committees to report at next session. (See first page.)

Report on Woman's Work and Young People's Union read by Rev. J. W. Partridge.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WOMAN'S WORK AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION.

1. WOMAN'S WORK.—God has greatly blessed the work of the women of the South during the past twelve years of their organization They have not only extended a helping hand to their oppressed sisters in foreign lands, but they have done much to spread the gospel in the benighted portions of this country. The women of the Southern States were organized into the "Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention," in Richmond, Va., May, 1888, with an enrollment of 32 members. Within three years every Southern State was represented in that body, and the great majority of the women all over the country within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention were in full sympathy and hearty accord with the objects of the organization. From its very incipiency great care was exercised to so adjust the work and the objects of the body that it would in no particular antagonize the interest of the Southern Baptist Convention, and in no way hamper the Boards in the discharge of the responsibilities placed on them by the Convention. In fact the women have been prominent helpers and not obstructionists. Their work is co-operative; and in the collection of money they have gleaned from the field without interfering with the regular contributions to the Home and Foreign Boards. Every Baptist should take an interest in the work of these noble women, because its character is lofty and unselfish and the results are far reaching; the good accomplished cannot be fully estimated in this life.

The total collections for the year ending April, 1900, amounted to $83,266. Of this sum $31,700 went to the Foreign Board, and the Home Board received in cash and in boxes of clothing to the value of $45,000 the remainder of the sum collected was divided between the Sunday School Board and other interests of the Convention. Within the twelve years the women have raised for missions and for Sunday School work $616,238.69. And it must be borne in mind that this great sum would

have passed into other channels of distribution, and would have been lost to the cause of missions if the women had not entered the field and gleaned the grain which was being scattered after the brethren had gathered the harvest. The Union has started a new enterprise which is termed "The Annuity Fund." This was inaugurated last year and consists in the encouragement to contribute large sums of money to the cause of missions by persons who are blessed with property. The donors are to receive a small per cent as an annuity during their life time and after death the money is to be devoted entirely to the spread of the gospel among the peoples of the earth. Nine thousand dollars have already been received from this source which have been equally divided between the two boards of missions.

There is no official organ of the Union, but publications are made through the columns of the Foreign Mission Journal and the Home Field publications of the Sunday School Board. A prayer card is distributed showing the monthly topics with suggestions for study and prayer; programmes are also sent out by the Corresponding Secretary, Miss Annie W. Armstrong, of Baltimore, making suggestions for organizing monthly meetings, accompanied by leaflets containing information about the mission fields and the work of the missionaries.

The officers of the Union receive no pay for their services, but the entire work of these women is a free will offering to the Lord.

Dr. Willingham, in the Report of the Foreign Mission Board to the Southern Baptist Convention at the meeting last May, makes the following reference to the Woman's Missionary Union. "We especially commend the mission card, which places in systematic order before our people the various phases of the work. These cards are helpful to those who wish to study our various interests regularly. With the cards are furnished, for monthly study, suitable literature. We commend to pastors and churches the women societies and their work. They are doing far more than we can calculate in pressing forward the cause of the Master. What they raise in gifts is only a part of their work. They are scattering information, developing interest, and training for the future. We appreciate their faithful service, and congratulate them on their success in the work for the past year."

2. Young People's Unions.—The Southern Union was organized in Atlanta, Ga., in 1896 with representatives sent from the churches throughout the South. It was made auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention and has held annual conventions since its organization at the same time and place selected for the Southern Baptist Convention. Its chief power is located in the local unions; while its annual convention is simply for the purpose of preserving the general organization and stimulating efforts on the part of the local unions. Its work is not to collect money, but is almost entirely devoted to educating the young people of the churches in Baptist principles and in preparing them to take the places of the older members of the churches when the latter pass into eternity. In 1894, at Montgomery, Alabama, the State B. Y. P. U.

was organized by delegates from thirty churches, and annual Conventions have been held since that date. The usefulness of this State organization is manifested in the large number of local unions scattered all over the State, which have come into existence since the gathering in Montgomery in 1894.

The value of the young people's union to the local church is no longer a question with those who have examined into the subject with any degree of care, because it is really the church working to train the young members for usefulness, and in no particular a separate body working outside the church. It is of equal importance to the Sunday School and doing a work different in character and in result. This organization encourages the young brother how to pray in public; how to think on his feet when suddenly called on to express an opinion in the councils of the brethren; how to lead the services of prayer meeting; how to study the Bible to the best advantage; it cultivates an interest in each other, and in this union of the young people there is power in the hands of the wise pastor for knitting together the forces of the church for an irresistable attack upon evil in all of its shapes and conditions. It is well known by those who are familiar with the subject, that in the church where a union is well established and in good working order great activity for good is evident to even the casual observer. The churches of this association are, therefore, strongly urged to organize unions and encourage the young people to enter upon a systematic study of the Bible, the work of the Boards, the mission fields and all other subjects important to Baptist faith and practice.

P. H. MELL,
T. J. CARLISLE,
W. E. JACKSON,
J. W. PARTRIDGE,
Committee.

Discussed by Rev. J. J. Cloud, Rev. J. H. Wallace, Rev. J. F. Purser and Rev. W. T. Foster.

Adopted.

Treasurer's report made by Bro. A. M. Cameron.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Tuskegee Baptist Association:

Your Treasurer begs leave to make the following report:

To cash on hand	$ 1 23	
To amount received during last session of the Association	255 72	
Total		$256 95
By amount paid J. H. Wallace for Minutes	41 00	
" " " J. F. Purser	31 07	
" " " W. R. Adams	12 50	
" " " W. G. Gregory	9 78	
" " " Geo. E. Brewer	10 08	
" " " State Missions	20 74	
" " " Home Missions	49 57	
" " " Foreign Missions	41 16	
" " " Ministerial Education	4 25	
" " " Orphans' Home	31 10	
		$251 25
To balance on hand		5 70
To cash during this session		301 17
Total		$306 87
Total vouchers received this session		988 68
Total		$1295 55

Adopted.

On motion the minute fund was given to the Clerk for which he should have printed and distributed the minutes.

Resolution offered and discussed by W. E. Hudmon.

Resolved, That the Treasurer is hereby ordered to divide equally the $17.18 on hand for Association Missions between Rev. J. W. Partridge, pastor at Society Hill, and Rev. J. L. Stough, pastor at Antioch church, the same being a supplement to their fund by these churches to pastor's support.

Adopted.

Resolution offered by W. E. Hudmon.

Resolved, That the Treasurer is hereby ordered to turn over all the funds sent up by the churches for indigent and infirm ministers to Rev. Z. D. Roby.

Adopted.

Donation to Rev. Z. D. Roby by the congregation and brethren to the amount of $22.48.

Resolution offered by Bro. Stearns.

Resolved, That this Association hereby tender to the members of Liberty church and community its hearty thanks for the liberal and hospitable manner in which they have provided for our wants while with them. G. B. STEARNS.

Adopted.

On motion this Association meet on Tuesday after the first Sunday in November.

Discussed by W. E. Hudmon, Rev. Z. D. Roby, A. M. Cameron, Rev. M. E. Parker, Rev. J. S Bryant, Rev. W. G. Gregory, Rev. W. T. Foster and Rev. F. T. Hudson. Motion lost.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your Committee on Nominations, beg leave to submit the following report:

We recommend Bro. W. T. Foster to preach the introductory sermon, Bro. J. H. Wallace to preach the missionary sermon.

We recommend that the next session of this body be held at Elam church, Tallapoosa county.

We recommend the following named brethren for our Executive Committee: W. E. Hudmon, chairman; J. J. Cloud, D. A. Lenean J. C. Condon, Dr. J. M. Love. B. F. STRIPLING.

The following Fifth Sunday meetings were appointed:

1. None to be held in December.
2. Concord, Macon county, in March.
3. Union Grove in June.
4. Pleasant Grove in September.

On motion this Association adjourns to meet with the Elam Baptist church, Tallapoosa county, on Tuesday before the Third Sunday in October, 1901, at 10 o'clock.

The parting hand was given while Mrs. J. H. Wallace rendered music, and the congregation sang, "God be with you till we meet again." Closing prayer by Rev. J. J. Cloud.

GEO E. BREWER,
Moderator.

J. H. WALLACE,
Clerk.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF TUSKEGEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION FOR YEAR 1900.

	CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	MISSIONS.						EDUCATION.			Orphan's Home	India Relief Vouch	A. C. F. College	HOME EXPENSES			Total.	Value of Property
			State	Home	Foreign	Church Buildings (Not at Home)	Associational	Bible and Colportage	Ministerial	Institute Board	Indigent Ministers				Minutes	Repairs and New Buildings	Pastor's Salary		
1	Antioch	Tallapoosa	$	$	$	$	$ 5 00	$	$	$	$ 2 00	$ 1 00	$	$	$ 1 50	$ 203 56	50 00	$ 264 06	$ 600 00
2	Auburn	Lee	28 82	50 94	16 05	.....	13 58	.....	7 06	2 00	.....	5 90	.....	.....	3 00	.....	500 00	627 35	.....
3	Concord	Lee	95	2 10	1 95	.....	1 45	25	63	2 56	.....	1 05	.....	.....	1 00	18 30	50 00	80 24	750 00
4	Concord	Macon	2 05	2 00	.....	.....	2 50	.....	2 22	.....	.....	3 11	.....	.....	1 50	18 35	100 00	123 73	500 00
5	County Line	Lee	.....	1 00	1 00	.....	5 00	.....	1 25	2 50	1 00	2 17	.....	.....	1 50	51 05	52 50	118 97	500 00
6	Cubahatchee	Macon	.....	5 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 81	.....	17 00	.....	.....	1 50	20 06	200 00	251 31	800 00
7	Elam	Macon	3 00	.....	9 21	.....	3 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	1 50	.....	100 00	118 96	500 00
8	Elam	Tallapoosa	.....	2 55	3 05	.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 80	.....	.....	2 00	73 80	100 00	186 45	600 00
9	LaPlace	Macon	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	45 00	80 00	80 75	600 00
10	Liberty	Lee	3 38	.....	7 00	.....	11 98	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 00	.....	.....	2 00	16 00	100 00	148 56	500 00
11	Loachapoka	Lee	4 50	1 50	2 00	.....	2 50	1 70	.....	3 75	.....	2 20	.....	.....	1 50	.....	75 00	94 65	1000 00
12	Mount Pleasant	Tallapoosa	.....	.....	2 00	.....	3 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00	.....	.....	1 50	.....	75 00	86 00	250 00
13	Notasulga	Macon	2 60	1 80	4 65	.....	4 00	4 75	.....	1 20	.....	7 50	.....	.....	2 50	94 82	150 00	273 82	800 00
14	Opelika	Lee	42 73	153 11	50 00	.....	25 00	.....	25 00	65 00	87 30	20 79	.....	25 00	4 00	1263 30	1500 00	3261 23	15000 00
15	Pleasant Grove	Lee	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 85	.....	.....	1 50	46 00	45 80	90 15	500 00
16	Pleasant Hill	Macon	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	.....	.....	.....	.....
17	Pleasant Springs	Macon	.....	.....	3 83	.....	5 03	.....	1 00	2 50	50	.....	.....	.....	1 00	14 00	.....	27 86	.....
18	Providence	Lee	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
19	Rocky Mount	Lee	1 00	1 00	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	1 00	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	80 00	58 00	500 00
20	Salem	Lee	2 35	2 35	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	42 00	125 00	178 20	1200 00
21	Salem	Macon	4 00	1 95	7 24	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 13	.....	.....	1 50	79 00	100 00	204 32	500 00
22	Shiloh	Russell	.....	.....	1 65	.....	9 71	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 77	.....	.....	2 00	58 50	60 00	135 63	700 00
23	Society Hill	Macon	2 00	2 50	2 50	.....	3 63	.....	.....	2 50	.....	5 00	.....	.....	1 50	17 00	75 00	111 63	600 00
24	Tuskegee	Macon	48 50	60 23	43 50	1 00	25 52	9 70	8 00	.....	.....	63 98	$28 21	.....	3 00	200 00	800 00	1291 64	10800 00
25	Union Grove	Lee	3 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	3 55	.....	.....	1 50	.....	100 00	113 35	500 00
			$149 08	$288 03	$166 63	$3 50	$133 15	$16 40	$46 16	$86 32	$90 80	$168 80	$28 21	$25 00	$40 85	$2210 74	$4518 30	$ 7926 86	$ 37700 00

STATISTICS OF THE TUSKEGEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1900.

	CHURCH.	COUNTY.	PASTOR'S NAME AND POSTOFFICE.	CLERK'S NAME AND POSTOFFICE.	Membership last Reported	Increase by				Decrease by				Present Membership.	SUNDAY SCHOOL.			Preaching Sabbaths.	Reports prayer meeting	Reports Revival
						Baptism	Letter	Voucher	Restoration	Letter	Exclusion	Erasure	Death		Officers and Teachers	Pupils	Superintendent's Name and Postoffice.			
1	Antioch	Tallapoosa	J. L. Stough, Thornton	D. A. Baker, Church Hill	66	19	1	..	..	3	..	..	2	81	6	25	D. A. Baker, Church Hill	4	Yes	Yes
2	Auburn	Lee		W. B. Frazer, Auburn	110	2	3	..	..	11	..	..	1	103	10	121	J. F. Duggar, Auburn	Every	Yes	..
3	Concord	Lee	J. H. Wallace, Opelika	R. W. Dixon, Panstone	44	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	44	5	20	W. M. Eiland, Panstone	1	No	Yes
4	Concord	Macon	W. T. Foster, Notasulga	J. B. Myhand, Notasulga	63	6	2	..	..	5	..	..	..	66	6	28	R. E. Carmack, Notasulga	2	....	....
5	County Line	Lee	W. R. Adams, Hattie	S. L. Adams, Hattie	19	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	..	..	..	..	..	..
6	Cubahatchee	Macon	W. E. Lloyd, Auburn	J. R. Simmons, Shorter	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	60	6	60	J. C. Pineston, Shorter	4	..	....
7	Elam	Macon	W. G. Gregory, Golddust	G. A. Huguly, Auburn,	40	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	38	..	..	..	..	..	..
8	Elam	Tallapoosa	W. T. Foster, Notasulga	W. J. Gregory, Golddust	..	4	9	..	..	..	1	..	2	88	..	..	..	..	..	..
9	LaPlace	Macon	..	R. G. Williams, LaPlace	26	1	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	30	6	19	C. C. Jordan, LaPlace	1	No	....
10	Liberty	Lee	W. G. Gregory, Golddust	G. W. Simms, Minnie	100	1	1	..	..	5	..	..	..	97	5	39	W. N. Sanders, Opelika	2	No	....
11	Loachapoka	Lee	W. T. Foster, Notasulga	J. L. Wise, Loachapoka	59	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	59	5	10	J. L. Wise, Loachapoka	3	No	Yes
12	Mount Pleasant	Tallapoosa	J. W. Partridge, Thaddeus	J. R. Segrest, Thaddeus	..	..	4	..	..	9	1	..	..	87	..	..	..	2	No	....
13	Notasulga	Macon	W. T. Foster, Notasulga	A. M. Cameron, Notasulga	108	1	1	..	..	8	..	..	1	101	12	95	A. M. Cameron, Notasulga	1	Yes	Yes
14	Opelika	Lee	J. F. Purser, Opelika	Charles Shaefer, Opelika	241	8	11	..	1	13	..	..	1	247	23	203	Lum Duke, Opelika	Every	Yes	..
15	Pleasant Grove	Lee	F. W. Williams, Phenix	W. A. Thomas, Chewacla	62	7	7	..	..	7	..	..	3	66	5	35	D. P. Meadows, Yale	2	..	Yes
16	Pleasant Hill	Macon	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
17	Pleasant Springs	Macon	W. R. Adams, Hattie	J. W. Raiford, Tuskegee	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	36	..	..	..	2	Yes	..
18	Providence	Lee	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
19	Rocky Mount	Lee	W. T. Bartley, Huckabee, Ga	J. E. Hendersou, Mechanic'le	50	8	5	..	..	..	..	..	1	62	..	..	..	..	..	..
20	Salem	Lee	W. G. Gregory, Golddust	T. E. Stringer, Salem	58	4	3	..	..	3	..	..	1	61	8	69	J. M. Love, Salem	4	Yes	Yes
21	Salem	Macon	W. G. Gregory, Golddust	W. A. Jackson, Golddust	57	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	54	..	..	..	3	..	..
22	Shiloh	Russell	J. H. Wallace, Opelika	J. L. Chadwick, Uhland	100	5	1	..	..	2	1	..	1	96	5	38	W. M. Jenkins, Uhland	4	Yes	Yes
23	Society Hill	Macon	J. W. Partridge, Thaddeus	A. H. Rutherford, Tuskegee	33	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	35	4	21	Reuben Lawson, Society Hill	2	..	Yes
24	Tuskegee	Macon	S. J. Catts, Tuskegee	G. C. Wright, Tuskegee	101	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	1	96	5	40	R. R. Varner, Tuskegee	Every	..	....
25	Union Grove	Lee	J. H. Wallace, Opelika	Monroe Green, Chewacla	80	2	2	..	..	10	..	..	2	72	7	50	W. W. Williams, Chewacla	3	..	Yes
					1417	77	54	..	2	80	8	..	21	1698	118	933				

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This body shall be called the TUSKEGEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, composed of messengers chosen from the different churches constituting it, holding annual sessions at such times and places as it may select.

ART. 2. Believing that churches are independent religious bodies, owing allegiance only to Christ, this Association claims no right to interfere authoritatively with their internal concerns.

ART. 3. The Association shall elect from its membership, at each annual session, by ballot, a moderator, clerk, treasurer and an executive committee, composed of five brethren, who shall hold their offices until their successors are chosen.

ART. 4. The moderator shall preside over the body, appoint all committees, unless otherwise instructed, and decide all points of order by the rules in Mell's Parliamentary Practice, subject to an appeal to the body.

ART. 5. The clerk shall keep a record of the proceedings, direct the printing and distribution of the Minutes, and perform such other duties as belong to his office.

ART. 6. The treasurer shall take charge of the money and general property of the Association; report in writing at each annual session, the condition of the finances; exhibiting vouchers for the sums paid out; he shall also provide himself with blank receipts, to be filled and handed to the delegates from the several churches respectively, who may bring up funds, and at the expiration of his term, deliver to his successor the property of the Association in hand.

ART. 7. The advisory committee may fill vacancies occurring in its membership, and shall, under the direction of the Association, manage its business during its adjournment.

ART. 8. At each session, committees of three shall be appointed to report in writing the following subjects: Preaching, Documents, Sunday Schools, Missions, Deceased Ministers, Education and Temperance.

ART. 9. Churches wishing to become members of this body, must petition by letter or messenger, and if found to be scriptural in doctrine and practice, be received to fellowship by vote of the Association, and welcomed by the moderator.

ART. 10. Churches wishing to change their membership, may petition by letter or messenger, and if in fellowship with the body, be dismissed in due form. Any infringement of the laws of this Association, or departure from the faith and practice of the Scriptures by a church, will be a cause of complaint against such church, and will subject it to the discipline of the body.

ART. 11. Messengers, before being enrolled as members, must present evidence of their appointment, giving also the number of the membership of their church, the number received during the past year by baptism, letter and restoration, the number dismissed, expelled and dead, with an account of all the money given to the support of the gospel and general benevolence, the condition of the Sunday school, with statistics, prayer meetings and other good works engaged in by their churches.

ART. 12. Each church shall be entitled to two messengers; when the membership is fifty, to three, and one for every additional twenty-five, or fractional part thereof.

ART. 13. Amendments to the Constitution may be made by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

ART. 14. The minutes of the Association must be read, approved and signed by the moderator and clerk before final adjournment.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in the existence of one only living God, and that He has made Himself known to His people under the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence and every Divine perfection.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the old and New Testaments are the words of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election; that God chose in Christ Jesus from before the foundation of the world to save them that believe, that they should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestinated them unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his grace

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

5. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by natnre, by his own free will and ability.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated, sanctified, by the Holy Ghost.

8. We believe that nothing can separate true believers from the love of God, but that they will be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation, ready to be revealed in the last time.

9. We believe that the baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of the Church of Christ; that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances; and that immersion only is baptism.

10. We believe in the resurrection and the general judgment.

11. We believe the punishment of the wicked will be eternal, and the joy of the righteous will be everlasting.

12. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances only such as are called of God, as was Aaron, and come unto the imposition of hands by a presbytery, and in fellowship with the church of which he is a member.